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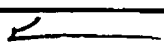
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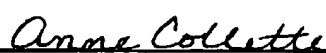
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action requiring a Restriction/Election of Applicant's invention mailed on Nov. 1, 2005, Respondent met in a face to face interview with Examiner Chen, and Supervisor, Lynne Browne. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims based on the following remarks.

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